

Federal Railroad Administration
Office of Safety - Headquarters
Employee on Duty Fatality Investigation Assignments
January - April, 2004

1. January 5, 2004-Monday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Murray, Missouri
A 46-year-old locomotive engineer suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
2. January 10, 2004-Saturday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Grandville, Illinois
A 51-year-old carman suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
3. January 14, 2004-Wednesday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Kankakee, Illinois
A 40-year-old conductor was struck and killed by a cut of cars being shoved by his own train.
4. January 20, 2004-Tuesday- Norfolk Southern (NS), Painted Post, New York
A 56-year-old crane operator died when he slipped and fell from the side of a gondola car as he was dismounting his equipment which was mounted on the car.
5. January 29, 2004-Thursday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Dona Ana, New Mexico
A 61-year-old maintenance of way employee suffered an apparent heart attack and died while performing his duties.
6. February 2, 2004-Monday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Winslow, Arizona
A 47-year-old bridge and building employee slipped on ice, fell, struck his head and died as he left a local restaurant.
7. February 7, 2004-Saturday- Union Pacific (UP), Longview, Texas
A 59-year-old conductor suffered an apparent heart attack and died while deadheading to his final point of release.
8. February 29, 2004-Sunday- Amtrak/Union Pacific (UP), Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
A 66-year-old dinning car attendant was found dead of an apparent heart attack as the Amtrak train was passing through town limits and operating over UP trackage.
9. March 6, 2004-Saturday- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Edgerton, Kansas
A 56-year-old conductor was found dead of an apparent heart attack by his engineer who had been receiving radio instructions from him to back up to the conductor's location.
10. March 10, 2004-Wednesday- Metro North Commuter Railroad (MNCW), Stamford, CT.
A 46-year-old conductor, with 27 years of experience, was killed when he was struck by his equipment during switching operations.

11. April 3, 2004-Saturday- Canadian National Railway (CN), New Lisbon, Wisconsin
A 58-year-old locomotive engineer died of an apparent heart attack while pulling into a siding to meet an on-coming train. The conductor radioed the dispatcher for emergency help.

12. April 20, 2004-Tuesday- Amtrak (ATK), Flagstaff, Arizona
An on-board services employee was found dead of an apparent heart attack while on duty aboard ATK train No. 3-19.